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SKPS Provides 2020-21 Reentry Planning Update to Board of Directors

The update details options for both in-person and virtual learning

SALEM, Ore. – During the July 14 Salem-Keizer School Board work session, Assistant Superintendents Dr. Kraig Sproles and Dr. Iton Udosenata along with Salem-Keizer Public Schools (SKPS) Chief Operations Officer Mike Wolfe and Superintendent Christy Perry updated the seven members on planning 2020-21 school reentry.

SKPS officials have been hard at work preparing for the return of our 42,000 students in an unprecedented school year. Of those 42,000 students, school officials have identified students entering K-2 to be a priority and are planning for them to attend school four days a week to help maintain core foundational education.

In a hybrid model of both in-person and virtual learning, students in grades three through 12 will move to a cohort schedule. Students will either attend school on Tuesday and Thursday or Wednesday and Friday with Monday being used as a student support day for providing additional supports for students. The cohort schedule allows for comprehensive isolation and tracing in the event of a COVID-19 case. This enables the district to have targeted closures instead of system-wide shutdown.

When creating this plan, the district has focused on using its equity lens to recognize the disproportionate impact of COVID-19 on communities including Black, American Indian, Alaska Native, Pacific Islander, Native Hawaiian, Hispanic, students experiencing disabilities, and families navigating poverty.

The in-person reentry plan will work in tandem with the SKPS EDGE program, an all-virtual option parents can select for their student. Together, the options will provide students with high quality rigorous, and well-rounded learning opportunities while still allowing students to remain eligible for their school's athletic and after-school activities. All students will have access to Chromebooks through the district.

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Administrators are focused on providing students with a safe, personal, and rigorous education that still follows SKPS mission statement during a worldwide pandemic. Just as COVID-19 news is rapidly evolving, so is the SKPS reentry plan.

SKPS administrators will continue to update the community and the school board during the upcoming school board meeting scheduled for July 21.

To view the full work session and board meeting, click here.

To learn more about the SKPS EDGE program, click here.

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Led by Superintendent Christy Perry, Salem-Keizer School District 24J is the second-largest school district in the state of Oregon. Nearly 5,000 employees serve more than 42,000 students in 65 schools in the cities of Salem and Keizer.